Withdrawal of forest concessions in South Kanara.

* 122. *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are villages in South Kanara where forest concessions have been existing without the forest village system; and what the said concessions are and in which villages they have been existing;

(*b*) whether any of such concessions which the villagers have been enjoying have been withdrawn or are going to be withdrawn; if so, which of the concessions are to be withdrawn and for what reasons; and

(*c*) whether such concessions are allowed or are going to be allowed in villages from which forest panchayats are withdrawn; if not, for what reasons?

A.—(*a*) Yes. The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 743 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 22nd March 1933. The concessions were extended to all the reserves in the South Kanara district.

(*b*) The withdrawal is in respect of all the concessions. They were withdrawn because they were reported to have been much abused.

(*c*) Panchayats under the forest village system have not been withdrawn. The question of withdrawal does not therefore arise.

Proceedings of a meeting held on the 11*th July* 1933 *at Nayakanakatte in Coondapoor taluk, regarding certain forest grievances.*

* 123 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the proceedings of a meeting held on the 11th July 1933 at Nayakanakatte in Coondapoor taluk;

(*b*) whether they have considered the grievances set forth in the resolutions passed at the meeting; and

(*c*) whether they propose to restore the concessions which the people had in the matter of removing manure leaves and fuel from the reserves?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) No.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know whether the Government have enquired and found out that the ryots living in the vicinity of the reserved forests depend on manure leaves from those forests for their cultivation? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" Government are not aware of it."